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YEAR OF 1965

CONVOCATION
James Cook University of North Queensland
Townsville
FOREWORD
by Dr Barbara Stelling

The year 1965 heralded further progress in the history of James Cook University. We saw the Pimlico campus developed to near capacity for the restricted area available (including the inevitable demountables), and construction on the new campus began with the commencement of the first building there - University Hall.

Enrolments (at 496) were 40% in excess of forward estimates by the Australian Universities Commission upon which staffing for 1965 had been determined. This threw extra burdens on the College staff who responded to the challenge. The Universities Commission visited in June and the Warden reported that they were “very favourably disposed towards the development of the University College in Townsville”.

The constitution of the Advisory Council was written and approved towards the end of 1965 with a view to holding elections and making appointments to a new Council which would take office early in 1966.

On a lighter note the College played host, in September, to the retiring Governor of Queensland, Sir Henry Abel Smith. As will be seen from the account herein and the accompanying photographs, this visit was enjoyed by all on campus as well as by the Governor himself.
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MESSAGE FROM THE CHANCELLOR

Sir George Kneipp

Looking back at the history of the University, one is continually reminded of the part it played, not only in the development of higher education in North Queensland but also in the development of the City of Townsville.

When the University College of Townsville was established in 1961, a visitor to the top of Mt. Stuart would have seen rough grazing land extending from the foothills of the mountain to the banks of Ross River. But, only 4 years later, in the Year of ’65, a new road had been built from the suburb of Stuart to the land we now know as Douglas. The road was named University Road and along it, in 1965, building material was being transported to the University College’s new site. Work had begun on the Douglas Campus.

It was a move which was crucial to the College’s further development and its subsequent elevation to a fully autonomous university. The original campus, at Pimlico, was somewhat cramped; and it soon became evident that the rapidly expanding College would be inhibited in its further growth if an alternative site could not be found, and found quickly.

As had so often happened before, the College’s friends in the community rose to the occasion. A group of local citizens set in motion a chain of events which led the City Council to acquire a large property stretching from Mt. Stuart to Ross River. Prominent in that group were Mr Angus Smith who was then Mayor, Mr George Roberts who was Chairman of the Council’s Works and Planning Committee, Mr Harry Hopkins who was Chairman of the Council’s Finance Committee and Mr Max Hooper.

Through their foresight and imagination, the Council acquired a most valuable asset. Within the space of only a few years, part of the land was made available to the University of Queensland as a new campus for the University College. Other parts were taken up by the Commonwealth as a location for the Lavarack Barracks and the CSIRO Davies Laboratory. Still others became the residential suburbs of Douglas and Murray.

We owe a special debt of gratitude to those people in our community whose vision and foresight provided our University with a campus which is widely regarded as one of the most attractive in Australia.

University Hall construction commences
MESSAGE FROM THE VICE-CHANCELLOR
Prof R.M. Golding

I congratulate Convocation on the production of this excellent series of publications. As a relative newcomer I am impressed by all that has happened over the past twenty-five years since the University College of Townsville was established. The history of its growth and further development as James Cook University is as interesting as it is impressive; and the role of Convocation in recording that history is commendable.

I am greatly impressed by the mutually supportive relationship which has grown between the University and the community. The splendid campus on which the University is located was given to the former University College by the Townsville City Council. Four of its six student residential colleges were built largely by public donations which came from all parts of North Queensland.

When the University Library was extensively damaged by Cyclone Althea on Christmas Eve 1971 scores of townspeople rallied to a call to form a human chain to transfer to safe keeping books and journals in danger of further damage by the flooding rains. It is interesting to note that the University Library is now universally regarded as the major reference centre for the whole of North Queensland.

The demand for advisory and consultancy services by university staff, the clinical services available to the community provided by the University's Division of Special Education, and the public response to University Open Days are all further evidence of a University filling its role of service to the community.

Perhaps that which impresses me most is what has been achieved in teaching and research over the first twenty-five years. Both nationally and internationally the University is recognised for its achievements through its graduates — some of whom now hold professorships in other universities, while others hold senior posts in government, commerce and industry. Other graduates have been recipients of prestigious national and international awards.

Finally, let me say I see a bright and shining future for our part of Australia. It is a region brimming over with opportunities. I am sure North Queensland's University will play a constructive and active role in the exciting developments which lie ahead.
INTRODUCTION
By the Chairman of Convocation
Mrs Bronwyn Walker

It is a great pleasure, as Chairman of Convocation, to see the “Year of 1965” – the fifth in the series – at the point of publication.

Since the “Year of 1961” was first published five years ago, the Convocation Publication Committees have maintained the concept of producing a small publication which would capture the essence of the year without attempting to be a complete historical record of that year. Through the reminiscences of the staff, students and members of the community in 1965, this booklet has succeeded in providing a picture of university life in Townsville as our first tertiary education institution developed.

Each of the years has been marked by milestones of various kinds and they have all contributed significantly to the University as we know it today. Probably the most important event in 1965 was the commencement of construction on what was to be known as the Douglas campus – land which had earlier been acquired by the Townsville City Council.

This event is of particular interest to me because of my family’s earlier association with the Douglas site – in 1936 my grandfather, Mr Tom Beck, purchased what was then known as “Queen’s Farm” from the estate of the well-known North Queensland pastoralist, J.S. Love. The land on which the University now stands was part of the original Queen’s Farm. Subsequently, the land was sold to the Verhoeven family from whom the Townsville City Council acquired it.

1965 was also significant in that it saw the arrival of Professors Geoff Richards and Jim Ward, who would each contribute approximately twenty years of academic work to the young University College.

The “Year of 1965” booklet is a fitting contribution to our series – it has captured the essence of the expanding, young, academic institution and the pioneering spirit which pervaded the North Queensland community.
ESTABLISHMENT OF THE COLLEGE

The beginnings.
As early as January 1957, the Vice-Chancellor of the University of Queensland, Mr. J.D. Story, had drawn attention to the need to establish some form of regional university institutions outside the Brisbane metropolitan area. Enrolments at the University at that time were already of the order of 5,000 and were predicted to increase to 18,000 by 1966.

Recommendations for the establishment of a regional university centre in Townsville were submitted by the University Senate to the Minister for Education, the Honourable J.C.A. Pizzey, and on 11 October 1958, Mr. Pizzey received a deputation from the Townsville and District University Society. On 18 May 1959, at a Cabinet meeting in Cairns, it was announced that the Government would proceed with the establishment of a University College in Townsville.

The University College of Townsville was formally established on 19 May 1960, by proclamation of the Governor-in-Council.

Professor F.J. Schonell, who had succeeded Mr. J.D. Story as Vice-Chancellor, made the plans and preparations for the new institution his personal responsibility and worked toward opening the College in 1961.

The foundation stone was laid by the Minister for Education, the Honourable J.C.A. Pizzey, on 21 May 1960, and the College was officially opened by the Premier of Queensland, the Honourable G.F.R. Nicklin, on 27 February 1961.

Governance.
The University College of Townsville was governed by the Senate of the University of Queensland.

The Executive Officer at the University College was the Warden, who was responsible to the Senate for the College's direction and control. The first Warden, Dr F.J. Olsen, was appointed as from 1 January 1961. He had, to advise and assist him in the discharge of his duties, an Advisory Council on which were represented the major civic and church interests in North Queensland. Dr. K.J.C. Back succeeded Dr. Olsen as Warden in January 1963.

There was also, within the College, an Academic Board which consisted of the head of each University College department. The Academic Board was the chief academic authority within the College.
The Sites and Buildings.

The University College was situated on a 14 hectare site at the corner of Hugh Street and Fulham Road, Pimlico, approximately 7 kilometres from the centre of the city. The buildings were designed and sited to take account of the long tropical summer.

During 1965 work was still proceeding on a grounds development plan on the Pimlico site aimed at providing playing fields, running tracks, tennis courts, basket-ball courts and a parking area.

The University College, through the generosity of the Townsville City Council, had made available to it a new 260 hectare site on the Ross River plains at the base of Mt. Stuart. A master plan for the new site’s development was prepared in consultation with Professor G. Stephenson of the University of Western Australia. The plan envisaged the development of the site to accommodate 3,000 to 3,500 students in the first stage and an ultimate student population of approximately 10,000.

The first buildings (a Hall of Residence and an academic building for the Humanities) were commenced in 1965.

Courses of Study.

The courses offered in 1965 enabled full-time day students to proceed to:
(i) a Bachelor of Arts degree (B.A.) for students who wished to major in English, History, French, or Pure Mathematics.
(ii) a Bachelor of Science degree (B.Sc.) for students who wished to major in Chemistry.
(iii) a Bachelor of Engineering degree (B.E.) in Civil Engineering.
(iv) the second year of courses in Education, Applied Science, and all branches of Engineering.
(v) the first year only of courses in Agriculture and Forestry, Dentistry, Medicine, Pharmacy, and Veterinary Science.
(vi) first years of Law and of Commerce and Economics on a partly internal, partly external basis.

A number of subjects were also offered for evening students in the faculties of Arts, Commerce and Economics, Education, Law and Science.

(Based on Townsville College Handbooks 1965 and 1966)
STAFF, 1965

Warden
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Technical staff: Michael Pitcairn Hines
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Nevitt Professor: Geoffrey Norman Richards, PhD DSc Birm., FRIC
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Lecturer: David Hopley, MA Manc

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Senior Demonstrators: Desmond Leslie Strusz BSc PhD Syd.
William Richard Morgan, MSc Nott.
Technical staff: Barry Redhead

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Lecturer: David Roger Hainsworth, MA Oxon.
Tutor: Dorothy Joan Farnfield, MA Oxon.

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Lecturers: Bill Bateup Newman, BED MSc Qld.
John Frederick Hunter, BA Oxon.
Arthur Rosser, BSc Qld.
Tutors: Alwyn Arthur Richardson, BSc Otago

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Professor: To be appointed
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Lecturer: Bruce Cater Gibson-Wilde, BSc Qld.
Senior Demonstrators: Brian Patrick Kilfoyle, BA Syd.
William Morton Coleman, BSc Qld.
Technical staff: Graham Howard Smith
Leon Offenhauser
Raymond Charles Casey

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Lecturer: Donald Raymond Fielder, BSc PhD Adel.
Senior Demonstrator: Judith Anne Bryan, BSc Qld.
Demonstrator: Helen Grigg, BSc DipEd N.E.
Technical staff: Michael Pitcairn Hines
Allan Peter Walford-Huggins
THE YEAR OF 1965

1965 was the year of:

- the first National Service “Lottery” — 11 March.
- the death of Sir Winston Churchill
- the Mount Isa Mines workers’ return to work
- the retirement of Sir Robert Menzies
- the appointment of Lord Casey as Governor-General of Australia
- the $2,000 Holden
- the visit of English Model Jean Shrimpton

and on campus the highlights included:

- the arrival of Professor G N Richards and Professor J Ward
- the opening of St Mark’s Residential College on Melton Hill
- the introduction of student identity cards
- the award of Honorary degree of Master of Engineering to Mr Felix Bra'ier
- the graduation of 21 students
- the visit of the Australian Universities Commission
- the construction of University Road, from Stuart to the new site
- the visit by retiring Governor of Queensland, Sir Henry Abel Smith
- the election of Mr W H Hooper as President of the Townsville and District University Society and the life membership of Dr Palmerston-Rundle.
- the retirement of Geoff Nott after three years as President of the Union and election of John Sullivan to replace him
- the commencement of work on the hall of residence on the new site.
TOWNSVILLE AND DISTRICT UNIVERSITY SOCIETY

This Society was founded in 1959 with the main objectives of the stimulation of graduate fellowship and the establishment of a University in the north. The originator of the idea was Dr Palmerston-Rundle, an Ear, Nose and Throat Specialist living in Townsville and, during the year 1965, he was made a Life Member of the Society - its one and only life member.

The membership of the Society was open primarily to graduates and, during this year, its aim to provide a link between members of the community of Townsville and the staff and students of the University College was pursued vigorously. The personnel of the two general committees shows the strength of that link:

1964-65

President
Mrs H H Hopkins, Teacher
Vice-Pres
Dr E Carman, Lecturer TUC
Hon Treasurer
Mr J Bordujenko, Acct TREB
Hon Secretary
Mr J Proud, Acct TCC
Committee
Mrs J Tonnoir, Librarian TUC
Dr E Creagh, GP
Mr S. Creagh, Engineer
Mr F Brazier, Engineer TCC
Mr I Moles, Lecturer TUC
Mr J Ritson, CSIRO
Mr Webster
Hon Auditor
Mr F Haly

1965-66

President
Mr W Hooper, Reg Dir Education
Vice-Pres
Mr F Brazier, Engineer TCC
Hon Treasurer
Dr B Jackes, Lecturer TUC
Hon Secretary
Mr D Pearse, Engineer TREB
Committee
Miss R Crowe, Principal of St. Raphael’s
Miss McGrath, Lecturer TUC
Dr B Schuchard, GP
Mr L Edye, CSIRO
Mr T Baker-Finch, Engineer

The traditional social functions were held successfully viz:

- a cocktail party at the beginning of the year to welcome new staff,
- a formal dinner in the middle of the year, and
- an informal barbecue at the end of the year.

A record number of 164 attended the cocktail party in March, including 33 guests. The President, Joan Hopkins, performed the very happy duty of presenting to three students prizes awarded on the 1964 Annual First Year Exams.

The winners were:

- Bernadette Marion Murray, Arts
- Robert Charles Hannah, Engineering
- Paul Spruling, Science

The prizes were book orders to the value of £25.

At the dinner held in July there were a number of important visitors. From the University of Queensland there were Dr Teakle, Professor Lavery, Professor Webster, Professor Webb and Professor and Mrs Britten, and from the CSIRO a large number of officials including Dr and Mrs Griffith-Davies. The Guest Speaker was Senator J G Gorton, Minister for Science, accompanied by Mrs Gorton. In his speech, Senator Gorton made the important announcement that there would be a 25% increase in the number of Commonwealth Postgraduate Scholarships in 1966. He predicted, correctly as shown by later events, that there would be great growth of the Townsville University College with students coming from all parts of Australia.

The barbecue was held in November at the CSIRO Townsville Laboratory, a very happy and successful affair.

During the year the General Committee discussed at length with Dr Back and Dr
Scott the needs of students and ways for the University Society to help them. Mrs June Tonnoir on the Library staff and Mr Ian Moles, History Lecturer and Warden of Stuart House, liaised with the students and both reported that many were anxious for weekend work. The Society advertised fortnightly in the local paper for weekend jobs and appealed in a newsletter to graduates, for help. As a result a number of students obtained jobs.

At the suggestion of the University Society, Mr John McIntyre, with the warm encouragement and co-operation of Professor Trollope, organised a highly successful dinner at which a group of practising engineers in the community entertained third and fourth year engineering students.

The students showed their appreciation of the Society's endeavours to assist them by inviting the President of the Society two years running to be one of the Judges at their WUS Miss University Ball.

The Townsville Cinema Group, organised by its Secretary, Mr Bruce Gibson-Wilde, had a successful year with a membership of 132 including 15 students. Seventeen programs were shown for an Annual Subscription of £2 (10/- for students).

**PATRICIA BACK**

The most notable memory of 1965 for the Backs is the overseas trip we made, with our two daughters then aged 12 and 10.

This trip turned out to be enjoyable and successful, but had an uncertain start. In the diary of 1965, with brief entries only, I have found reference to the plans for our travels. We were to fly via the USA to England; here Ken was to travel around with a British Council-arranged group of University Administrators, mostly Registrars.

One entry in the diary is for 12 May saying “arrive San Francisco”. Then there is a series of engagements in the US for two weeks even to a luncheon date with Slim and June Bauer, who had departed Townsville for California a few months before.

However, all our plans were dashed when it was revealed that the Australian Universities Commission, headed by Sir Leslie Martin, was to visit Townsville in June to discuss the next triennium. Of course Ken had to be there for such a vital meeting.

That meeting was a historic one, as the plans for the new campus were put in train. A memorable decision came about because Sir Leslie Martin was so hot when taken to the new site that he readily agreed to all the new buildings being airconditioned.
The AUC arrived on 18 June and departed on 22 June: the Backs took off for Sydney on 23 June, thence to Hong Kong and London.

Our altered plans nevertheless resulted in a rewarding and enjoyable visit to the UK. We rented a house at Enfield in North London: the girls and I lived there while Ken travelled around doing his "course".

We bought a modest car and the four of us made a tour of Scotland, where Ken had to visit the Universities in Glasgow and Edinburgh. Later we had a fortnight's visit to France, which had its educational advantages for our daughters.

On our way back home we visited the USA, in my case for 1½ days: during the sojourn we visited Slim and June Bauer in Oakland, stayed overnight and toured San Francisco with them. Ken spent several weeks in the US visiting various campuses while Katherine, Linda and I returned home on our own.

Otherwise life was fairly routine for us during 1965: at that time we had our own small house at Nelly Bay, which provided our chief source of relaxation.

ORIENTATION WEEK

Approximately 200 'Freshers' participated in Orientation week which began on February 24th. Wednesday was occupied with becoming familiar with the University functioning itself. The Warden addressed the group and then they were divided into faculties to discuss specific concerns. A tour of the buildings was provided as well as familiarisation with the library. Also, those all important student identification photos were taken.

Thursday was a relaxing day spent at the Island when students could get to know one another. The day culminated in a barbecue.

Friday was 'Union' day when the students were inducted into the ways of the Student Union. The various clubs and societies were on the look-out for new members. The day ended with the 'Freshers' Welcome dance attended by both new and senior students.

Saturday was a free day and on Sunday students were able to attend special services at their respective churches.

The week was organised by Paul Martinez.
GRADUATION AND MATRICULATION CEREMONY

On Monday, 1st March, the combined Graduation and Matriculation Ceremony took place.

The Warden, Dr K.J.C. Back expressed the regret of both the Chancellor and Vice-Chancellor of University of Queensland over their inability to attend - due to ill-health.

The first Honorary Degree from the University College of Townsville was then conferred on Mr Felix Howard (Phil) Brazier. The Honorary degree of Master of Engineering was for his outstanding services to the community in his profession over many years.

Two staff members, Mr B B Newman and Mr A W Hoveling, received higher degrees - Mr Newman an MSc and Mr Hoveling an MSc(Hons). The degree of BSc was conferred on seven students, the degree of BEng (Civil) on five students (four with honours), the degree of BA on four students and the degree of BEd on two students.

After the Graduation Ceremony approximately 180 new students were admitted to the University in a matriculation ceremony. A total of approximately 500 students were expected to be enrolled.

Present at the ceremony were members of the clergy, judiciary, leading citizens and parents.
On Monday, March 1st, 1965, the first honorary degree to be conferred at the Townsville University College Graduation Ceremony was bestowed on Mr Felix (Phil) Brazier. He received the Honorary Degree of Master of Engineering for his outstanding services to the community in his profession as City Engineer over a period of nearly sixty years.

Phil was born in 1897. He was educated at Toowoomba Grammar School where he was senior prefect and dux of the school. He received his Degree in Engineering in 1920 at the Queensland University and came to Townsville as City Engineer in 1925.

In a talk given last year at the Conference of the Institute of Engineers Phil recalled some of the conditions in Townsville when he first arrived. They are worth mentioning here even though they refer to an era much earlier than 1965. Castle Hill road had not been built and the slopes of the hill were practically devoid of all trees due partly to the many goats which roamed the area and partly to the depredations of adjacent residents who cut down all the trees for firewood. Sturt Street and Stanley Street cuttings had not been made. The Strand and Mitchell Street were only trafficable to where Travelodge now stands and there was a large freshwater lagoon to the west of Travelodge. Beyond King's Road there were only open paddocks, and roads to the north, south and west of Townsville were just bush tracks. Access to the Quarantine Station at Cape Pallarenda was along an atrocious track through the Town Common.

One side of Flinders Street had been concreted and one side had not. Phil’s first contact with an irate ratepayer happened soon after his arrival. A prominent citizen, impeccably dressed in tropical whites, white helmet and shoes, arrived at the Town Clerk’s office speechless with rage. He was spattered with red mud...
from head to foot. The completion of the concreting of Flinders Street was Phil's first urgent job.

His next urgent job was the construction of a new access road to the newly located Goods Shed. As the City Engineer's Department consisted of Phil alone this meant that he himself had to design the 7-span concrete bridge across Ross Creek at Stanley Street, carry out the surveys, draw up the plans, prepare the tender documents etc. etc. without any assistance.

The job which later involved most of Phil's energies was the installation of the sewerage scheme for the City. The first move was made in 1928. The first tenders were called for in 1936 and in the meantime all the necessary surveys, design and preparation of plans were carried out by the Council staff which was slowly being built up as the job progressed. All excavation was done by hand in soft water-bearing earth so that the sides of the trenches had to be shored up with hardwood timber planks. This was dangerous work but Phil cannot remember any fatalities while he was in office. An incident, amusing in retrospect, was the positive refusal of one lady, a Mrs Bloomer, to allow the workmen to enter her property on pain of being hosed. Neither logical persuasion nor sweet reasonableness prevailed and finally the City Engineer was duly hosed and the Council took legal action against the lady for assault. The notorious 'Brassiere Bloomer' affair, a play on their names, became the talk of the town but the case failed due to "scanty evidence". The sewerage scheme needless to say continued. The day finally came when the Mayor decided to have an official opening ceremony. A crowd of about 12 people gathered in the backyard of a house in South Townsville in front of the little out house. The Mayor entered, closed the door and after a few minutes the rattle of the chain and the unmistakable whoosh indicated something was on the way to the sea. Dare we wonder what? The Mayor then opened the door and declared the scheme well and truly opened. Rather an unimpressive ceremony for the opening of a million dollar sewerage scheme in Phil Brazier's opinion.

Another urgent problem tackled by the City Engineer, was the inadequate water supply for Townsville. His was the job to organise the Ross River weirs, the Mt Spec scheme, the Paluma Dam and the water reticulation system within the city.

Professor Trollope, Professor of Engineering, while presenting Mr Brazier to the Deputy Vice-Chancellor, Professor Teakle, said:

"Mr Brazier's work and service to the City of Townsville and the region of

North Queensland has covered all aspects of civil and municipal engineering. This work has been carried out with dignity and a sense of loyalty which today is reflected in the esteem in which he is held by his professional colleagues throughout the city. His achievements were accomplished often in the face of very great odds. His professional standing and his work will remain as a fitting tribute to him and as an example to younger engineers who will follow in his footsteps."

Phil retired in 1962. He still lives in North Ward with his daughter, Nancy Armati, helps at Central State School two days a week and is actively interested in all matters affecting the welfare of Australia and Australians.
COMMEMORATION WEEK

There is little documentation of what happened in Commem week in 1965. It ran from the 25th-30th April and was overseen by the pranks committee consisting of Chairman K. Gillman and members Miss E. Darveniza, Mr B. Jones, Mr J. Murray and Mr A. Mousamas. Any student wishing to gain support and financial assistance from T.U.C.U. had to submit his/her prank to this committee for approval.

This year seemed to be the beginning of the end for commem week although it did continue for a few more years. From 1965 the students’ pranks were increasingly condemned by the powers that be. The most notorious prank of this year was the placing of a load of concrete at the entrance to Victoria Bridge. This was soundly condemned by most sections of the public (who failed to see the point) as vandalism. An ultimatum was issued — all pranks must stop or else there wouldn’t be any procession.

The other notable prank which afforded the general public much amusement, if not the local policeman on duty, was the painting of a saint on the roof of the police station!

The commem procession underwent the usual police inspection and some of the placards were confiscated. However the students had a great time demolishing each others’ floats with water and flour bombs (crackers were now considered too dangerous). Festivities culminated in the Commem Ball on the Friday night.
LIBRARY MEMORABILIA

The story of the Library in 1965 is unfortunately not a very agreeable one. However, it should be told the way it really happened, as 1965 was the first year in the Library’s short history where foundations were laid which supported major developments in subsequent years.

The most important event of 1965 would certainly have been the arrival of the new college librarian Milton George Simms. His presence in the next eight years was destined to have a lasting and beneficial effect on the development of the Library of the University College of Townsville (UCT) and James Cook University of North Queensland (JCU).

June van Rooy, who was employed as the cataloguer in the UCT library when Milton arrived in Townsville, recalls that he seemed to be staggered by the gross inadequacy of the library collection and the small number of mostly inexperienced and untrained library staff who were expected to help manage the library.

In the third Report for 1964 submitted to the Library Committee in May 1965, Milton reported on the general inadequacy of the library’s collections. The library was not only providing unsatisfactory service to undergraduates but service to academic research was virtually non-existent. He suggested that immediate action be instigated to overcome the growing and alarming deficiencies.

Milton showed great skills in dividing his time between his many projects and running the library at Pimlico. His total dedication and commitment to his job allowed him to manage successfully.

To cope with the shortage of trained staff, Milton proposed the introduction of a course in librarianship at UCT. As a first step he recommended the immediate appointments of a bibliographer and a head cataloguer, who together with him would form a nucleus of senior staff for training and planning. The course was not to be. However, twice a week at lunch times on the Pimlico Campus, he conducted training sessions for college library staff and others studying for the Registration Examinations of the Library Association of Australia.

The cataloguing of library material in 1965 remained a slow and cumbersome procedure due to the lack of the standard cataloguing tools. The classification of books by subject often required great ingenuity and the help of academic staff. The assistance of departmental secretaries was called for regularly to type library stencils for the production of catalogue cards. And, of course, the only cataloguer June van Rooy had to train the secretaries patiently in catalogue card layout, interpretation of abbreviated subject tracings, etc.

As the library staff had to work under continuous overload conditions, staff turnover remained high. During the year June tendered her resignation, as she was expecting her first child. Other staff members present at the beginning of the year not yet mentioned earlier, were Phillip Cowie, June Tonnoir and D'Esley Smith. Phillip, an Arts graduate from Tasmania, joined the Library late in 1964 as a library assistant in charge of the Issue Desk and Reserve Collection. June, an Arts graduate, who had been employed as a part-time typist in the previous year, became a part-time library assistant in charge of acquisitions. John Daly, a Science graduate, joined the library during the year as a graduate assistant who became involved with reference work and inter-library loans. Barbara Kirkaldy, a Mathematics Department secretary, often helped out, most skilfully, with the typing of catalogue entries. Towards the end of the year Bobby Duffey, an invalid pensioner, was appointed as a part-time typist. She too, turned out to be a wonderfully patient and accurate typist.

The space problems were another aspect of library inadequacy that had to be faced without much relief until the new library building was completed. With an enrolment of over 500 students the seating capacity stood at a ratio of 1:8. Library staff were forced to share their working area with library users.

Milton became involved in the crucial planning and design of the new library.
building on Ross River Plains, or Douglas as it is known today. In fact, an increasing amount of his time had to be dedicated to the planning of two new libraries on the Douglas Campus: a temporary library to house the humanities and social sciences materials on the ground floor of the Humanities I building; and a permanent building for which detailed planning and preparation was required in addition to visits made to most academic libraries in Australia with the college architect Tony Copley.

Basic to all the problems confronting staff and students alike was a lack of funds. This is an almost normal phenomenon confronting libraries but the situation at UCT was indeed alarming.

Milton recommended the inclusion of a request in the next University Submission to the Australian Universities Commission for a Library Establishment Grant of $300,000, spread over the three years of the 1967/69 triennium. Unfortunately, the library had to wait until the mid seventies before this special grant was approved. The reason given by the AUC for withholding an establishment grant for almost fifteen years was that the expected rate of growth of student numbers at UCT did not warrant extra funds!

As a step towards the alleviation of the financial difficulties the Library Committee requested, through the Warden, that the North Queensland University Association consider conducting an appeal for library funds and act as an “Appeal Co-ordinating Committee”. In the minutes of the Library Committee of 30.3.65 the Warden reported that he had been informed that an appeal for £100,000 would be launched towards the end of 1965. During the year several generous donations were received. The major ones were: Samuel Allen & Sons Ltd. donated £500 for library furniture (this amount allowed for the purchase of the first microfilm reader); Burns Philp & Co. Ltd. donated £1,000 for books on natural history; Lions International established a library fund which in 1965 at £1,000, accrued £100 interest; and Alliance Francaise donated 50 volumes on French literature.

On April 29th 1965 several large crates were delivered to the University College of Townsville. These contained the College's first computer system, an IBM 1620, which was to be installed in a rather out-of-the-way room next to the Zoology wet store at the western end of Wing 4. Despite one crate being dropped during unloading and the somewhat unsalubrious location, the system was installed satisfactorily by IBM's Customer Service Engineer, Max Warren, and within 2 days was ready for use.

On May 1st, the 1620 went into service, with Ian Hunter, then a Lecturer in Engineering, and Al Richardson, then a Tutor in Mathematics, as Acting Officer-in-Charge and Deputy Officer-in-Charge respectively. John Noad of IBM, now Deputy Director of the Prentice Computer Centre at the University of Queensland, delivered the first programming courses to the eager staff.

Among those who attended the first courses were Baden Best and Kevin Stark from Engineering, John Hunter from Mathematics and Bruce Gibson-Wilde from Physics, each of whom still uses the University’s computing facilities.

The initial equipment installed was primitive by today’s standards. It comprised a central processing unit with a total memory of 60000 6-bit characters (less than 32K bytes in today’s terms), punched card input/output and a console.
typewriter for entering commands and producing low-volume output. There were no line printer, disk drives or other mass storage devices, and of course no remote terminals.

In terms of capabilities, although it seemed wonderful at the time, the 1620 was less powerful, and had much less memory, slower input/output capabilities and much less software than almost any of today’s micro-computers. As it cost almost $50,000 it was certainly not a bargain in present terms, although this represented a very large discount on the list price of over $150,000. Contrast this with an IBM clone today at under $2,000!

For the technically minded, the 1620 could add two 5-digit integers in 560 microseconds, and multiply two in just under 6 milliseconds. The DECsystem-1091 of today adds around 1000 times and multiplies about 3000 times as fast. Also, unlike modern computers, the 1620 had no operating system; each program ran in a completely stand-alone mode. Timesharing was not then common!

Despite the limitations of the system, it was eagerly seized on by users in a number of departments (mainly Engineering, Education, Physics and Chemistry in the very early days) and by Administration which immediately started to develop a payroll application. Geoff Duee who was involved in that project from the start is now a senior member of Computer Centre staff.

Somehow nobody minded the restrictions imposed by the system. Repeated loadings of large card decks, painfully slow interpretation of results output on cards, endless waits for calculations which today would take milliseconds, all were accepted without query. It is probably hard for the user of today to imagine how keen we all were to use this revolutionary new facility, warts and all.

Early operation was conducted by Ian Hunter and Al Richardson, in such spare time as they could find from their normal academic duties, and by users themselves when long-running jobs first appeared. Among the first of the major users were Ted Scott and Ken Orr from Education who had to analyse data collected on the effect of attending Anglican schools on behalf of the Council of the Anglican Diocese of North Queensland. Both Ted and Ken spent many hours “babysitting” the IBM 1620 as it slowly ground out the eagerly awaited results. Ken was the first of many who literally slept with the computer.

Later in 1965 the first Computer Operator, Jenny McNee (now Williams), was appointed. This enabled the embryo Computer Centre, of which Jenny was the first staff member, to begin to offer a more reasonable service to users, including data preparation, interpretation of output and program running. The computing service was under way!

For those interested in more detail on the development of the Computer Centre, an informal history, *20 Years of Computing at James Cook*, is available through the University Bookshop.
THE A.L. NEVITT GIFTS AND BEQUEST

During 1964 Mr A.L. Nevitt of the stockbroking firm of A.L. Nevitt, Draper and Company had made a gift to the University of Queensland of stocks and shares to the value of £114,614 to finance the establishment of a chair of chemistry initially within the University College of Townsville, the fund to be transferred to the autonomous University in North Queensland when it was established, and held by it upon trust, to apply the income thereof for the maintenance, in perpetuity, of a chair of chemistry. The chair was known as the "Nevitt Chair of Chemistry" and was advertised in March 1964. Professor G N Richards was appointed to this chair in October 1964 and he took up his appointment in January 1965.

The gift was increased by an additional 7,400 shares (costing £3,700) in April 1965. A further cash donation of £40,000 was received in June 1965 which Mr Nevitt requested be used in purchasing equipment for and maintaining the Department of Physics in the University College.

Mr Nevitt became ill during March and died in Sydney in July 1965. The University of Queensland and the Townsville University College were made residual beneficiaries in his will. The estate was not finalised until January 1971 after the James Cook University of North Queensland had been established, by which time the legacies received by the College under the will totalled $154,542.

The generous gifts and bequest made by Mr Nevitt made it possible for the establishment and maintenance of the Chair of Chemistry (the second chair established in the College) and for the equipping of the Physics Department and the setting up and maintenance of physics teaching and research in the University College during the early years.

RESEARCH PROJECTS

Following are the research projects which were being carried out in the various departments during 1965 as reported in the 1966 University College Handbook.

BOTANY

The role of Cyanophyta in nitrogen fixation in seasonally arid tropical soils. 35 species of blue-green algae were maintained in culture and attempts were made to obtain a uni-algal culture of two species. Several techniques were examined with a view to obtaining bacteria-free cultures viz. treatment with chlorine water, irradiation with ultra-violet light and micro-manipulation.

A joint project with CSIRO to determine the effect of superphosphate treatment and stocking rates on the blue-green algal flora of soils at Lansdown.

The cytology of Gleicheneaceae and Schizaceae.

CHEMISTRY

Studies of structure and metabolism of polysaccharides of tropical flora and fauna, including sugar cane and pasture grasses and legumes.

Mechanisms of alkaline degradation of glycosides.

Pigments of marine animals, including the mollusc *Dicathais orbita* and reef fish.

Chemical constituents of scent glands of tropical insects.

Graft polymerisation of vinyl monomers in cellulose.

Radical activity in vinyl polymerisation transfer processes.

Preparation and crystallographic studies of co-ordination compounds of transition metals.

EDUCATION

A comparative study of selected aspects of educational philosophy and practice in some Southern Asian countries.

The bearing of self concept upon level of aspiration phenomena in the secondary school.
A study of the role of a head-master.

A study of selected aspects of the intellectual development of mentally retarded children.

An investigation of attitudes of pupils in Anglican Independent Schools.

ENGINEERING
Flow through porous media.

Geomechanics
(i) Failure Criteria for discontinua
(ii) Photodastic studies of stress distribution in idealised elastic models
(iii) Comfort cooling in tropical environments.

ENGLISH

Australian Literature
(i) a study of the life and writings of the North Queensland journalist Edmund James Banfield
(ii) studies of the work of Douglas Stewart, Australian novelists, and Catholic novelists.

GEOGRAPHY

Geomorphology
(i) Studies of the recent evolution of the North Queensland coast and off-shore islands, this project to be extended eventually to studies of the Barrier Reef
(ii) Investigation of slope forms and debris transport in tropical environments.

Economic Geography
(i) Recent changes in the Queensland sugar industry
(ii) The assessment of irrigation agriculture in tropical Queensland.

Historical Geography
(i) Studies of the settlement evolution of North Queensland.

GEOLOGY and MINERALOGY

Preparation of an annotated bibliography of North Queensland geology.

Study of the general geology of the Townsville region.

Publishing of the results of geological expedition work done in the Antarctic and the Karakoram Himalaya

Survey of present day sediments (especially carbonates) on the continental shelf near Townsville.

Details of the stratigraphy of certain Palaeozoic fossils (especially corals) in parts of N.S.W. and in the Devonian limestones 30 miles south of Townsville.

Study of the detailed geology of the Nychum area (200 miles W.N.W. of Cairns) with special reference to the mineralogy, petrology and geochemistry of the igneous rocks.

HISTORY

Local history.

Papuan and colonial history.

Mediaeval Western European and Byzantine history.

Art history.

MATHEMATICS

The orthogonal group in complete rank rings.

The study and construction of unified field theories of gravitation and electromagnetism.

The analysis of the structure of groups, rings and fields.

Determination of solar atmospheric abundances.

PHYSICS

Upper-atmosphere physics.

Space Project. Monitoring of radio signals from the S66 Satellite was carried out at The Weir observatory.
Ionospheric Research. Investigation of radio signals originating from transmitters in the Northern Hemisphere was expanded in the Kissing Point observatory.

Airglow Observation.

ZOOLOGY

Fauna of tropical sandy beaches.

Behaviour and taxonomy of crabs.

Growth of barnacles.

Plankton of Cleveland Bay.

Ecology of limpets.

ST. MARK’S COLLEGE

St. Mark’s began its life in a house near St. James’ Cathedral on Melton Hill, in 1965. It moved into its present home on the Douglas Campus at the beginning of the academic year in 1968. St. Mark’s was the first church-related college for men at what was then the University College of Townsville. The Grail had begun work for university women the year before. Later, The John Flynn College for men and women was opened, to be followed by St. Paul’s. St. Mark’s originally provided accommodation for men; this was due partly to the high proportion of men to women students. In 1975, St. Mark’s responded to the growing demand for provision for women students and in that year just over 50 women were admitted as residents of St. Mark’s.

St. Mark’s was established by the Diocese of North Queensland. The diocese had for long had an interest and commitment to education, and had for years maintained its church schools. With the establishment of the university college in 1961, the diocese extended its interest to the tertiary level and the Brotherhood of St. Barnabas agreed to manage the new college. In 1965, St. Mark’s accommodated 19 students and some members of the Brotherhood of St. Barnabas. A very active advisory committee progressed in its work to the extent of producing plans for the college on the Douglas campus and making submissions to the Australian Universities Commission. The advisory committee was succeeded by the St. Mark’s College Council in 1968, and Mr E.D. Murray was appointed Chairman of the council. The Melton Hill college was blessed by the Archbishop of Canterbury in March, 1965, and he met all the students. The foundation stone of the complex of buildings on the Douglas Campus was set by Mr. Murray in June, 1967, and blessed by the Primate of Australia in the presence of the Bishops of Queensland. In August 1966, the Joint Colleges Appeal was launched, to gain response from large organisations. The Joint Appeal involved the Roman Catholic, Anglican, and Presbyterian-Methodist churches. Sir George Fisher was the patron of the Appeal and Mr E.D. Murray the Chairman. The Joint Appeal was uniquely successful.

University life in Townsville in 1965 had an atmosphere and quality all its own. We were all learning what it was to be a university, and we were engaged in making collegiate traditions from the very beginning. None of the students had
been to university before, and many had no experience of college life. It was an atomized university community. Students lived in a number of places around the city. St. Mark's and Duncragan shared Melton Hill, Olsen House was at West End, Stuart House in Stuart on the Charters Towers Road, with the Grail tucked away in Purves Street at Hermit Park. If university students were making discoveries, so was the city of Townsville, as it began to accustom itself to being a university city. In contrast to those foundation years, St. Mark's now provides for 96 men and 56 women. Sadly, university days pass so quickly that only a few now remember the hectic, frustrating, exhilarating experiences brought about by establishing a university, and residential colleges, in the rapidly developing and changing north of Australia.

I represented a 50% increase in Geography staff numbers, which then consisted of Terry Driscoll, as senior lecturer, seconded for the year from Liverpool (where he still remains) and David Murray (now at the University of Western Australia) as tutor, as well as myself. Together with a diminutive Jan Pavey who provided secretarial assistance for half of each day (her other half belonged to Geology) we made up the entire department and fitted into a single room. Space problems today are of a different order of magnitude. The department was completely new as the previous members, Slim Bauer and Terry Birtles, had both left the year before and the lack of continuity provided some amusing moments, particularly to our first and second year students. I am still convinced they taught us more than we taught them in that first year.

I doubt that I would have guessed that 20 years later I should still be in Townsville but after the first year, which seemed like endless summer after Armidale's rigours, I started to develop an interest in the offshore islands and Reef which has tied me to Townsville ever since. The following year I married Lilla who had joined the University administrative staff at about the same time I arrived in Townsville and together we have seen both the Department of Geography and the University mature into its present state. Major landmarks were the move to the Douglas Campus in 1967 (a great relief from the hot demountable we had
occupied in the intervening year) and the appointment and arrival of our foundation Professor, John Oliver, in 1970. The 1970's were a period of expansion and establishment of an international reputation for the department which I believe will be maintained under the second generation chairmanship of Richard Jackson.

Associate Professor Hopley as well as maintaining a teaching and research interest in the Department of Geography is now also Head of the Sir George Fisher Centre for Tropical Marine Studies at the James Cook University.

DAVID M.F. ORR

Although appointed in 1963, I did not arrive in Townsville until January 1965, just a day or two after a major deluge. Dorothy and I were met at the airport by Hugh Trollope who immediately drove us to the top of Castle Hill to survey the desolation – suburban houses surrounded by a vast sheet of water! Australia had fascinated me since my early childhood and I had informed myself well about the country before making the decision to migrate there with my wife. However, numerous visits to Queensland House in London had elicited but scant information about Townsville; indeed great efforts were made to persuade me that I was really interested in Toowoomba. I was not expecting an aquatic city!

A few days in the Coolabah Motel, a few months in a flat in North Ward, the purchase of a high-set home in Sabadine Street – carefully checked as being above flood level – and we were settled into Townsville. The many acts of kindness by the staff of the Engineering Department, Kevin Stark, Baden Best, Noel Baker, Ian Hunter, Ted Brown, and many others, both within the College and in the wider community are well remembered. So too are the conditions in Pimlico, the paper weights, the fans, the sweat dripping on the office desk; at home, the moths, the stink beetles, the ants, and all around the cane toads! For me, it was a change from the consulting office and the construction site to lecturing. The classes were delightfully small, one-tenth of what I am currently dealing with, and there was the enthusiasm to succeed. Before our first year in Townsville had ended, our first son was born.

The ensuing years saw growth and change. It was a privilege to be associated with the planning of the new Civil Engineering Building on the Douglas Campus and the planning of the John Flynn College. At home, first fly screens were acquired and eventually an air conditioner was installed in the bedroom, when after study leave in 1971, we moved to Canara Street. Developing at great pace, Townsville was well on the way from being a poor town to becoming a beautiful modern city, before we departed almost exactly nine years after our arrival. On the Douglas Campus, the ring road was bordered by many fine buildings and in the centre was the half-building of the Library. Ray Volker, who graduated shortly after my arrival was now a member of the academic staff, other graduates had moved to many parts of Australia and around the world. Many staff had come and gone. In January 1974, now with three sons, we decided to return to Ireland. TAA were loath to let us go, we landed at Mackay and spent an unexpected night there due to engine trouble – a couple of days in Sydney and farewell Australia fair. Hopefully, some day to be revisited!
HENRY REYNOLDS

The Townsville that I arrived in late in 1965 was a down-at-heel, dog-eared town — or so it appeared after two years in Europe. The previous wet season had failed, the Ross River dam was still on some engineers drawing board, and everything looked parched, desiccated and sun-ravaged. The physical environment seemed to overawe human activity. The sky was enormous — hard, vast and vitreous with a sun as bold as brass. The houses had an air of impermanence perched unsteadily on spindly legs between earth and sky. Toads, cockroaches, geckos — which were real — and snakes which were largely imaginary, added to the sense of unease and alienation.

These were all impressions of the first day or two during which Ian Moles dutifully drove me around the town and I dutifully tried to appear enthusiastic as we sped through suburbs which had widely differing names — Rising Sun, Pimlico, Hermit Park, Currajong — but which looked utterly indistinguishable. He took me on a drive along a rutted bush track to show me where the new campus was to be established and we got lost somewhere near where the roundabout now is.

But eventually the touring had to end and I had to make my own way to work for the first time, which meant taking the North Ward bus to town and the Hermit Park bus on to Pimlico. I came out of the house I was renting in McKinley Street to find that it was overcast and automatically went back to find my umbrella and raincoat and then walked to the corner where I had been told there was a bus stop, not that there was any sign or seat or shelter or post or street marking to indicate the fact. I was reassured when a local resident arrived to wait with me or rather some distance away from me. ‘Do you think it will rain’, I asked in the somewhat anglicized voice I then affected and in the way of one in an English bus queue. He turned slowly to take me in and, after scrutinizing me for fully five seconds, with that amalgam of suspicion and scorn which North Queenslanders used to reserve for outsiders, said ‘Don’t be bloody silly — it won’t rain for three months yet!’.

With that he turned away and totally ignored me until the North Ward bus rattled and wheezed along Mitchell Street. The driver — who seemed at least as ancient as the bus — quickly made it clear that he had done me an enormous favour to stop and, even more, to let me into his battered machine. As I took my seat I little thought that I would still be in Townsville, still working in the History Department, twenty years later, that I had embarked that morning on a far longer journey than I had imagined.

GEORGE NORMAN RICHARDS

Nostalgia has never been my strong suit. However, several aspects of my experience at JCU may merit recording. After appointment in December 1964 we arrived in January in Brisbane to meet Bert Nevitt and an unexpected lunch with Nicklin’s State cabinet. Then the drive in the brand-new EH Holden on a single track Bruce Highway through a 100°F wilderness to the northern metropolis (sans traffic lights then!). Arrived to the traditional deluge (12 inches in 24 hours) and found when the floods cleared that the Chemistry Department was already a very effective undergraduate teaching unit with its first batch of fourth year Honors students just enrolled.

The major challenge was to get research going among staff and with research students. This proved to be possible with minimal funding, but with much general support and encouragement from very many people in the University, industry and the general community. There were half a dozen Masters and Ph.D. students in training within a couple of years and now one of my proudest claims
is that after 20 years the Department is as enthusiastic as ever in its undergraduate teaching, while having built up several research teams of international significance. Some milestones in the 20 years from my personal point of view were:

- First Ph.D. graduate, Jim Blake, 1968.
- Introduction of Biochemistry into the Chemistry Department and the dedicated service of the late Bob Logan.
- Move to the new campus and out of the Pimlico Research "Shed".
- The earmarked library grant, especially for serials acquisitions, and later the introduction of on-line retrospective literature searches (we could now compete on more equal terms with research around the world).
- Gradual elevation of equipment to a more normal university level, leading to the recent quantum jump in the form of the 300 MHz NMR.
- The early retirement of the first Nevitt Professor of Chemistry, to allow some bright young spark to carry the torch with new vigour.

I must also add a few comments on University Hall. The life of both myself and my family there has given some of our warmest and also some of our most frustrating memories (why were students so unhappy in the early 70's?). Achievements in this field are so intangible. How do you measure an ethos aimed at reasonable freedom with reasonable responsibility? But in retrospect it seems well worthwhile.

Professor Richards is now working in the University of Montana, U.S.A.

We must all have been optimists in 1965. Every department was short of money, space, staff and equipment and yet hopes and morale ran high. Other new universities were being funded generously and there always seemed a very good chance that in the next triennium it would be our turn. In the meantime there was great satisfaction to be gained in overcoming problems and helping to establish the University on a sound footing.

The library was critically short of space, staff and bookstock. Even now I wonder at the political decisions which expected teaching and research to be carried out in a remote area without the essential tools. The only answer to our dilemma was to borrow heavily from other universities and I would wish to acknowledge the very generous support we received, especially from the University of Queensland. In later years we appointed our own staff member to the University of Queensland Library and she provided a highly efficient inter-loan service.

The search for books, diaries and newspapers throughout North Queensland led to memorable experiences. People of the outback in particular were exceedingly generous in their hospitality and in donating materials of research interest to the new university. Many lasting friendships were formed and I believe that this close bond with the community was an outstanding feature of the University.

A very close and strong working relationship was also established with government and private schools. As schools liaison officers, many members of staff regularly visited schools to promote interest in university studies. The Library further extended its activities to help in the development of school libraries. At that time there were no school library buildings, no library staff and very few books. We felt that learning how to learn through books was an essential skill for future university students. We trained a small army of library volunteers, ran
conferences and seminars for teachers and helped persuade parent groups to provide books. Our efforts coincided with the decision by the Federal Government to fund school libraries, and as a result remarkable and rapid developments followed.

One of the first major advances for the library was the promise of funding for the new building. The building was to occupy a central position on the Douglas campus and be of sufficient architectural significance to suit its location. At the same time it needed to be flexible both in layout and in its ability to expand in size to meet future needs. Only time will decide whether the building has fulfilled these criteria, but for those involved in its planning it was an immensely satisfying experience.

At that time unemployment was almost unheard of and it was extremely difficult to attract qualified library staff to the far north. Those who came were good. Through their efforts we established in-service training programs which resulted in a very high level of library services. With the help of Ian Hunter and his old IBM 1620 we produced one of the first computer printed catalogues in Australian university libraries. Although a humble effort by today’s standards it required design innovation, inter-departmental cooperation and many hours of unpaid staff effort. I am grateful to have had the chance to work with such a team.

Library policies are of interest to the whole university and every librarian depends heavily upon his Library Committee and its Chairman to assist in policy formulation and to explain library needs to the academic community. In this I was extremely fortunate to have the support of Chairmen of the calibre of Colin Roderick, Brian Dalton and Geoff Richards.

But if in the end we achieved anything of value it was because of the understanding and support we received from Ken Back. These days Lois and I have “retired” to grow plants. We have nothing but happy memories of our association for almost a decade with the College and University in Townsville.

JAMES WARD

When I first visited Townsville on board the trading ship Burns Philp’s S.S. “MARELLA” in 1930 it left only a schoolboy’s impression. During the war years, engaged on radio direction finding activities here, it meant hard and uncomfortable work. In 1955, with my wife and two children, en route from Borneo in a timber cargo ship, it meant an Australian landfall after five years absence. In 1963, via a RAAF Hercules and attached to the Officer’s Mess, the visit was comfortable and gave me the chance to see the new Townsville University College and to meet Ken Back, Eric Carman and Bruce Gibson-Wilde. It seemed almost like the end of an extended pilgrimage to arrive again in 1965 as the first Australian-born professor to the University of Queensland’s new College at Townsville.

The early days, in bringing the Physics Department to maturity with the upgrading to third year and to post-graduate studies, were extremely busy times but entirely happy. The friendliness and sense of purpose of the College staff - everyone knowing everyone - and the industry and dedication of one’s immediate associates, made the whole activity a challenge. The smaller numbers also
were in pleasant contrast to the thousands of students and hundreds of staff at the University of Melbourne where I had been Reader for the previous four years.

Our task in Physics in Townsville was greatly assisted at this vital stage by the substantial monetary grant for equipment purchase made by the A.L. Nevitt Bequest and the effect of this was still very real when I retired nearly twenty years later.

We resolved to provide a well-rounded training in rigorous physics, to keep in mind special community needs and to encourage research as a stimulus to this and an outcome of it. Steadily over the years, additional to our graduates we have seen Master of Science and Doctorate of Philosophy degrees awarded to Australian and overseas students.

From the earliest years the Physics Department was responsible for the Electronics Section - a service to the entire University - and also for the Tropical Research Unit for Meteorological and Atmospheric Physics (TRUMAP) which researched harmoniously with the Bureau of Meteorology.

Throughout this period my wife, Dr. Laura Ward, was also able to play a part in the creation of James Cook University as it stands today by initiating and maintaining the Student Health Service.

It has been a source of satisfaction for us to see the children of many of our colleagues and community friends and some of our own children also, study for degrees at James Cook University. One can rightly believe that an effective contribution has been made by the University to the life of Townsville and North Queensland and I wish James Cook University well for the decades ahead.

As 1965 was the year I commenced employment in the Student's Union Office it has been for 20 years and will always be special to me.

Orientation Week began with the Warden's Day, lecturers' talks, photographs, Library introductions etc. Faculty Society meetings, a film screening and an excursion to Magnetic Island were held during the week and Friday was Union Day when the President addressed the Freshers on student activities generally. And, of course, the Freshers' Welcome Dance that evening. Suitable accommodation in Townsville was not too difficult to find, although many students were accommodated at Olsen House, Stuart and Duncragan Hostels.

The Student's Union was given control of the Refectory building and Canteen and you will remember the friendly atmosphere of the Refectory Hall when having a cup of coffee. Mrs. Davies was the Manageress of the Canteen and was well liked by the students. You will also remember the Union endeavouring to have the University Bookshop shifted out of the Hall to a position between the Refectory Block and Wing 4. The new University at Ross River site was the exciting news being discussed and a Student Union Building was to be financed in the triennium ending 1969.

Commemoration was provided for in the 1965 Budget with £50 for the Ball, £50 for the Procession and Commemoration pranks £15. Because of our small enrolment of 300 approximately and the percentage of female students being low, Senior High School female students and nurses of the General Hospital were invited to attend our Commem. Ball.

The President of the Union, Geoff Nott, was in his third year as President and we
have to thank Geoff for his efforts in ensuring the Union Building would be constructed at Douglas. The Vice President, Kevin Gillman, will be remembered for his generosity in lending the Union £30 for the Refectory Canteen change. The Honorary Secretary was Connie Bacon who hailed from Mareeba and the Honorary Treasurer was Barry Jones from Townsville.

The sports clubs were very active and received a lot of support from the Union. Two cultural clubs were the University Singers budget £27 and the Music Club £20. During August vacation students toured the schools south, west, northern coastal towns and the Tablelands to give Senior students some understanding of University life. The Union Luncheon was a welcomed affair and 1965 students will remember this event in their year. After the November examinations I am sure you looked forward to the vacation period as the 1965 academic year came to a close.

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GEOFF NOTT retired as President of the Student Union in 1965. He had served in this capacity for three years. Geoff contributed to the “Year of 1963” although he first enrolled at the College in 1962. He now lives in Brisbane.

NATIONAL UNION OF AUSTRALIAN UNIVERSITY STUDENTS (N.U.A.U.S.)

N.U.A.U.S. rated a column in most editions of Magnus Taurus and as such its policies and activities were before the student body.

The National conference was held in Perth from 6-16th February. The body was showing a tendency towards political leanings. However efforts by the Sydney and Townsville students prevented this. Townsville was represented by Brian Embury.

An example was a motion to support the principle of one man one vote — which incidentally N.U.A.U.S. didn’t adhere to in its own voting procedures. This was seen as aiming at the Gerrymander in South Australia — no mention of Queensland — and so was indirect support of South Australian A.L.P.

Other contentious issues discussed in the newly created commission called “National Affairs” were Capital Punishment, reduction of voting age to 18, conscription and the formation of A.U.S. rather than N.U.A.U.S. (not adopted).

In April the National President of N.U.A.U.S., Joe Ridley, visited Townsville to familiarise the locals with N.U.A.U.S. policies. Some of the issues dealt with were: encouraging the development of tertiary education in New Guinea; improvement in conditions of Commonwealth Scholarships; the tax deductability of compulsory fees and the raising of the maximum age limit for depend-ent students; the overseas student travel scheme; and national service concessions for University Students.

In June the students of Townsville were encouraged to participate in work camps during January 1966 in New Guinea and the Solomon Islands. By taking part in these projects the students “would be helping others and at the same time having a cheap holiday in a country very different from their own.”

In the June edition of Magnus Taurus mention was made of the stirrings of dissatisfaction among constituent members of N.U.A.U.S. with the policy trends of the National Union. The contributor urged members not to withdraw but to change the organisation from within. This way problems and opinions can be put with force and dealt with, to improve and influence future directions.

A referendum on conscription conducted for N.U.A.U.S. was reported in August Magnus Taurus with the following results.
only 40% of full time students responded;  
71% in favour of conscription generally;  
69.4% voted that University students should not be completely exempt;  
75% thought students should be allowed to complete extra-degree and higher degrees before call-up;  
69% thought C.M.F. members should not be exempt;  
72% voted women should not be conscripted.

These were the early days of conscription before conscripts went to Vietnam, and the survey results seem to reflect this. This issue appears several times in Magnus Taurus making it one that obviously concerned the students of the time greatly.

It is interesting to see how these issues were handled in the early days of the college. Many resurfaced at a later date in slightly different forms with very different solutions.

**FIRST FULL BLUE TO STUDENT OF UNIVERSITY COLLEGE**

The University College of Townsville was justifiably proud of Bob Schofield who early in 1965 became the first student at the College to win a Full Blue from the University of Queensland Sports Union. The Blue was awarded for Mr. Schofield's outstanding achievements on the football field throughout the year of 1964.

As five-eighth he captained the University Junior side which impressively won the Inter-Club Premiership and also the combined College Team which played in Sydney. As well he captained the Townsville Junior representative side which eventually won their inter-City final against Cairns on Foley Shield day. Bob, however, did not play in this game. Instead he had the privilege of being selected to play against Innisfail as five-eighth for the Senior Representative side in the Grand Final of the Foley Shield.

Bob was further honoured when he was presented with a Centenary Year Medallion in recognition of his outstanding sporting achievements. Again he was the first student in the College to be honoured in this manner.

Bob did not confine his abilities to the sporting field alone. In 1964 he served on the Union Council as Men's Sporting Representative and he also played an active part in all Arts Faculty activities.

**WORLD UNIVERSITY SERVICE (WUS)**

In 1965 the World University Service (WUS) celebrated its 25th anniversary. WUS is a voluntary association of University staff and students interested in the well being of universities all over the world. It is a unique institution with an excellent record of constructive work both inside the local university communities and internationally. The money raised in Australia in 1965 was to be sent to the Geneva Central Fund to be spent on:

- Health Centres in Korea, Kindi, Ceylon, Nicaragua, Chile and Thailand.
- Hostels in India, Sudan, Guatemala and Korea.
- Canteens in Ceylon and Philippines.
- Scholarships for Africans in South Africa and refugee Angolan students studying in Europe and so on.

In 1965 the Townsville University College took a special interest in Ceylon where health clinics, canteens and a book store were the principal needs.

The Townsville Director for WUS for the year was Tony Priestley. The Committee decided to run a Miss Uni competition to be climaxed by a Ball. There were seven entrants sponsored by different faculties, sports clubs and the Union. The title of Miss Uni was judged on the basis of beauty and personality and the girl who raised the most money was Miss WUS.

The judges were Mr H T Priestley, Chairman of the University Advisory Committee

- Mr J Gleeson, Manager of TNQ7
- Mrs J Hopkins, President of University Society.

Many Townsville business people donated prizes generously and TNQ7 televised the crowning of Miss Uni and Miss WUS.

The 'WUS Miss Uni' Ball was held on 23rd July at the Refectory and Professor Trollope, the Acting Warden, presented a cup to each of the winners. Dixie Creagh (Basketball Club) was Miss Uni and Patty Richardson (Science) was Miss WUS.
Miss Dixie Creagh (now Mrs Nott) receiving the Miss University Cup from the Acting Warden, Professor Hugh Trollope. See contribution by Dixie, page 79.

Miss Patty Richardson receives the WUS Cup from Professor Hugh Trollope.
TOWNSVILLE UNIVERSITY SINGERS

This group was very active in 1965. Phillip Cowie was the conductor. The group consisted of about 20 members who met weekly at the home of Mr & Mrs Jeffries in Palmerston Street.

In the May vacation four members attended the Inter-Varsity Choral Festival in Brisbane — the rehearsal camp was held at Tullebudgera and the concert in the Brisbane City Hall. The major work for the combined choir was Mozart's "Requiem" and the Townsville group also participated in the individual item with the Queensland University group in a choral work by Benjamin Britten.

In September the Singers gave their first performance as a group before an audience. The concert received critical acclaim in the local media and was believed to compare most favourably with similar choirs established at the major Universities.

BORIS CRASSINI

"I was so much older then, I'm younger than that now"

I suppose it is only fitting to begin a story of the 60s with a Dylan lyric. I must admit that I'm not really sure what he meant when he wrote those words, but they sounded profound then, and still do. Actually, they fit, in a sort of a fashion, with a pet theory of mine (using the word theory very loosely). The essence of my theory is that during the course of a person's lifetime there is an especially important phase. Once a person enters this phase the normal laws of time cease to operate. Instead, the person becomes enclosed in a kind of bubble of time. The bubble is carried along by time, but inside time stands still. The stoppage of time in the time-bubble is manifested in many ways: In a person's self-image (always young, slim, fit); in a person's musical preference (ever since "Sergeant Pepper", music has not progressed); in the lasting friendships that are made.

I said I was using the word "theory" loosely to describe my time-bubble idea. In philosophy-of-science terms it has a fatal flaw. That is, it is a theory that can never be disproved. I'm not worried, however, because my theory was not designed to explain anything except perhaps the warm feelings of nostalgia that are triggered by events such as one too many drinks shared with someone of the same vintage (and I'm not talking about the age of the grapes!), or a letter from the past. I received just such a letter from Marilyn Jeffries (in the time-bubble there is no Marilyn Lee) requesting a piece for the Townsville Uni Convocation booklet (in the time-bubble there is no James Cook University of North Queensland). Enclosed with Marilyn's letter were previous samples, and as I read these, my time-bubble became a time-machine fuelled by names (Keith Shiels, Crofty), places (Stuart House, Duncragan), events (Commem Week, cards in the Refec): For a time I was back there again, reliving a compressed version of my two years at the Townsville University College, the phase of my life when my time-bubble emerged.

I was one of a group of boys (how quaint that word sounds now) who came to Townsville Uni from Saint Augustine's College, Cairns (when Cairns was a friendly, sleepy country town, not a tarted-up tourist resort). To most of us Townsville was the "big smoke", and leaving the security of home and a school in which the Marist Brothers were truly "in loco parentis" was a daunting step. However, Townsville Uni in general, and for some of us, Stuart House in particular, made us feel at home. Even the initiation was mild. Garside, Shiels, Croft, et al. stormed into the room I shared with Les Cook, dragged us out of...
bed, and made us drink a brew the contents of which I am still ignorant (thankfully, I suppose). We (we became "we" with the second and third years quickly) were less gentle with those at the other Colleges. I can still remember "Thug" Cook (no relation to Les) innocently coming out to Stuart to a "meeting", and ending up sitting on a block of ice, naked, reciting nursery rhymes. I seem to recall that Thug's crime was paying too much attention to a lady-friend of one of the senior Stuart House members.

From this home base began the daily ritual trek (via thumb, motor-scooter, Dale Ferguson's antique motor, or in any emergency, "Head" Collins' car) to the seat of learning. To be perfectly frank, the learning that occurred on my part was not quite of the kind that was reflected in HDs, Ds, Cs, or even Ps (as an aside, the sooner "real" grades like HDs and Ds return in place of 7s and 6s etc. the better, in my view; don't you agree that "High Distinction" meant something?). I, and many others, learned that there was more to life than we had been exposed to in the cloistered corridors of high-school. We attended lectures and prac's; but we also played 500 in the Refec, played football, organised social events (who will ever forget the Toga party in the Refec in 1965), argued over trivial and momentous issues, began questioning many things we had taken for granted, and took for granted other things we should have questioned. All-in-all, we grew up in an environment that in memory seems (and probably in reality was) less pressured and more nurturing than the environment faced by many University students today. But more of this later.

My two years at Townsville Uni were characterised by an unremarkable academic record. To be more prosaic, I pranged! Joe Baker (one of the many staff who played an integral part in the lives, and not merely academic lives, of students at Townsville Uni) arranged a trial for me with Eastern Suburbs rugby-club football club in Brisbane. Being without a scholarship, and without a job, I thought the chance to be paid to do what I had done for so long for free (play football) was too good to miss, especially when Easts said they would find employment for me. I spent 1967 as a truck driver's offsider (a fancy name for a person who does a lot of carrying and lifting), and part-time University student at Queensland University. The change from Townsville was really overwhelming: Consider the difference between walking into a Refec where you knew everyone by sight, if not by name, and walking into a Refec filled with what seemed like a million strangers. Using the Library was a similarly terrifying experience. Fearfully then, I began my career in Psychology in 1967, and for the next few years, my sporting career and my academic career continued in parallel. I completed my Honours degree in 1970, and my Ph.D. in 1974.

played with the Eastern Suburbs Tigers during most of this time, being a member of the A-grade premiership-winning side in 1972, and retiring after the 1973 season. My playing days were ended through my unwillingness to train as much as was necessary to maintain a place in the higher grades, and not through injury. Despite this, every time I can't think of a word, or someone's name, (and these occasions seem to be happening more often), I wonder if I packed into one scam too many without appropriate protection. I am now a Senior Lecturer in the Psychology Department at the University of Queensland, and my main teaching and research areas are visual perception, the physiological bases of visual perception, and the development of perception in infants.

I mentioned earlier that one of the manifestations of the emergence of the time-bubble is the lasting friendships formed during this phase. For me, my most important friendship was formed during my two years at Townsville Uni. It was with the person who is now my wife, but in my time-bubble is still Edna Darveniza. I first met Ed when we were both sports representatives on Council. During the years at Townsville, I spent many a night hanging around Dunragan, then riding either my bike, or Alwyn Grenfell's bike through the cold nights to Stuart (except one better-forgotten night when I walked). We were married in 1970 after Ed had completed her Diploma of Education, and had taught for a year at Hervey Bay. Ed was the bread-winner for the next four years while I played football, and completed my Doctoral research. We have two children: Emma was born in 1974 and Kyle in 1976.

In other versions of the time-bubble theory (for example, the version described by Garry Trudeau of "Doonesbury" fame), the birth of children, (and the embarrassment of having a coronary while wearing blue jeans), are said to be things that weaken time-bubbles. I must say that my bubble was not particularly threatened by the births of Emma and Kyle, but more recently their presence has affected it. It seems that time-bubbles are particularly sensitive to sounds...
emitted by “things” such as Duran Durans, INXSs, Thompson Twins, Mister Misters, etc. A more serious problem is the weakening effect on time-bubbles of the invisible, yet powerful, emanations that accompany adolescence. As Emma and Kyle get older, I sometimes feel I am matching each of their years with three or four of mine. And then I meet a friend from the past, or hear a golden-oldie on the radio, or receive a letter from a Marilyn Jefferies, and my time-bubble is restored, temporarily, at least.

I want to end this ramble on a somewhat more serious note. At times I wonder how the experiences of a fresher in 1985 compare with those I had in 1965. Much more seems to be expected of University students now than was expected then. Continuous assessment and the semester system have resulted in heavier workloads for students, and for staff. An increasing preoccupation with grades (because of the quotas on many University courses), and the apparently increasing difficulty in getting a job have also changed the attitudes of students and staff. One outcome of this has been a reduction in the time available to students in which to have fun at University and to grow up within an environment very different from that of their school-days. Very different, yet not a threatening environment; rather an “expanding” one in terms of the new experiences it affords students, and the opportunity it allows for contemplation (an old-fashioned word, but an ever-important activity). Perhaps the present tertiary system should be modified to allow more people a chance to experience a liberal arts-science education prior to embarking on more professional training: A version of the North American system, in other words. This, of course, is a pipe-dream given the current level of spending on tertiary education, but maybe one day. I am grateful for the opportunity I had to grow up in just such an “expanding” and nurturing environment at the Townsville University College. I am also grateful for the chance to relive some of those days provided by Marilyn Jefferies’ letter, and the strengthening effect it had on my time-bubble.

LEE DUFFIELD

Here is a trick exercise: When looking back 20 years, pick out not so much what is different, but what is the same.

Change is the everyday thing now, the means of change being great. Bigger earth moving equipment, bigger populations, bigger concentrations of capital ... Very many individual humans now have the capacity to cause havoc on a gigantic scale. Just one example: A former student of the University College of Townsville admitted in one of these yearbooks to moving $100-million around the world, each year.

To mention some of the changes I notice over 20 years with a bearing on the life of students: Fewer jobs, more drugs, sexual politics (women’s movements, homosexuals’ movements), an inflation of academic standards (they
What could possibly have remained the same?

The answer can be found in the James Cook University "Year of ..." booklets. I suggest to you that these are testimonials to the impotence of the process of change.

So far as I can make out, the contributors remain unchanged from the time we last met, often a full 15 or 20 years ago. Definitely, expectations of the time have been followed up, keenly. The die was cast in 1965, and no bombardment of social change would alter the predestined course of our stolid N.Q. identities.

Three of my friends from 1964 in particular, one female, two male, unswervingly followed the paths we would have predicted. One, I swear, offers self-satire — and some literary flair. Another presents the same appearance as ever: tremendously fresh memory, lively interest in the people around them, wry wit — and severe narrowness of vision.

You might have decided that I have not changed either. I work as a journalist, have been in foreign parts, but enjoy living in Brisbane, with my good friend my wife and two very satisfactory children; finished an M.A. in Government at Sydney University three years ago, and in one of a number of incarnations, currently serve as President of the A.B.C. Staff Union in Queensland.

I came to the University College in 1965 fresh from the confines of a C of E boarding school in Charters Towers and together, with about a dozen class mates from All Souls, formed the majority of the initial intake of students at St. Mark's College.

We arrived to take up residence in the partially constructed rooms of the old St. Mark's on Melton Hill in the shadow of "Slim Jim" and under the guidance of Milton McGregor. After four years of confinement and prohibition, first year Uni was a ball and the university life was so good I spent the next 21 years in one hallowed hall or another. Three years in Townsville, 7 at St. Lucia, a year at the University of New England and the last 10 in the newly formed School of Veterinary Studies at Murdoch University, Western Australia.

Along the way I became fascinated by the intricacies of parasite life cycles and acquired a PhD in Parasitology after several years of prying into the identity and sex lives of a group of worms that live in the gut of turtles. The last 10 years have been spent trying to pass on the basics of parasitism and parasitic disease to veterinary students.

Having reached my majority (21 years) within the relatively secure life of academia it is time for a change and I have just moved back to the old hometown of Atherton and traded microscope and laboratory for a block of flats and an overdraft.

Marilyn's invitation to write a few lines for the "Year of 65" brought back many memories of the first years at the Townsville University College; the elaborate preparation and pranks of Commem., the introduction of rugby union to Towns-
All Souls, Senior Year 1964

Ten of these students attended the College in 1965: Ian Baster, Michael Anderson, Roger Netterfield, David Hall, Bob Crawford, Ian Wright, Nev. Smith, Lindsay Sue Sue, Bob Kirkby and Charlie Westcott.

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All Souls, Senior Year 1964. Ten of these students attended the College in 1965: Ian Baster, Michael Anderson, Roger Netterfield, David Hall, Bob Crawford, Ian Wright, Nev. Smith, Lindsay Sue Sue, Bob Kirkby and Charlie Westcott.

BILL KENNEDY

(They laughed at Edison and Einstein - but somehow I still feel uncomfortable when they laugh at me!)

PART 1 - UNCENSORED RECOLLECTIONS

- Like the first mechanics prac. with Ian Hunter (fellow Scotsman) who likened me to a wimp for worrying about getting oil on my slide rule.

  Corollary:

  I'd like to show you who's boss, but I'm only afraid that it would confirm that you are!

- Like the time the fire engine (vintage Denis) ploughed trenches in the lawn, during the jubilation of Commem. Week.

  Corollary:

  The closer I get to my goal, the better my chance of discovering what it is!

- Like Dick Kinzbrunner and the "old boys" making the freshers ride blocks of ice naked down the halls of Stuart House.

  Corollary:

  The surest way to learn is by doing it - but often, the lesson is: Don't do it!

- Like the mating magpie that attacked Jacko (with the painted-on sox) whilst wandering from the car park to the refectory - he managed to hit himself in the head with his bulging brief case, and lose all his recently-copied lecture notes in a gust of wind which cruel fate ungraciously arranged to coincide with the event!

  Corollary:

Just the thought of contributing has done wonders for my memories and I'm sure this publication will do the same for all who shared those early years.

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Watch out - it’s quite possible that some of my worst mistakes haven’t been made yet!

- Like the “hosing and toading” ceremony for the B. Gibson-Wilde lecture!
  
  Corollary:
  
  I want a signed apology from the World, for the way it has been treating me.

- Like the 9 hours of non-stop undefeated table tennis.
  
  Corollary:
  
  I would like to speak to whoever is in control of my life - and suggest some improvements.

- Like having the audacity to front Professor Trollope in dirty overalls - the subsequent psychological whipping made for a humbler and wiser person (me, that is).

  Corollary:
  
  Sometimes I think I understand everything - then I regain consciousness.

PART 2 - AN ILLUSTRIOUS CAREER

Despite the problems of being an amateur philosopher for a few years after graduation, I managed to mobilise my skills and training to achieve promotion to Electricity Supply Manager for NORQEB in Townsville in 1979.

My travels have taken me to Canada, Britain, Nepal, S.E. Asia, Hawaii, New Zealand, and South America (a perfect formula for poverty).

Professionalism has seen me in the role of President of the Australian Computer Society and Chairman of the Australian Institute of Management.

Community commitment has seen me active in Rotary and sporting clubs.

Thank you, James Cook - but as an electrical engineer, might I ask:

Once my potential is fulfilled - where will I get more potential?

MARILYN LEE (NEE JEFFERIES)

Looking back to twenty years ago brings many memories and I’m sure a rose-coloured view of what happened. The change from high school to University was something of a culture shock, although not so great as it would have been had I been transplanted to Brisbane.

Very few of the memories actually concern University work. There was that sudden realisation that one had to work to pass those end-of-year exams! The vagaries of the science timetable – Wednesday 9.00 am to 5.00 pm and Fridays
9.00 am to 11.00 am — made for a varied week. There always seemed to be an inordinate amount of time spent in preparing, carrying out and writing up science practical sessions.

However, the strongest memories are of people and incidents outside the lecture theatre. Some of the people were, Mrs Davies in the canteen, Alan Nipperess in the bookshop, the University choir and conductor Phillip Cowie.

The more memorable incidents were the attacking magpie at which a fellow student threw his whole collection of first year notes which were then scattered to the four corners of the car-park (he was too disgusted to retrieve them); Barbara Suthers' new car parked sideways between two trees on a nature strip in the carpark; the "lubra" portrait of Bill Newman by Eric Joliffe; the Choral Inter-varsity in Brisbane; the Commem procession, and Miss University Ball with supper amongst the hessian.

Many pleasant hours were spent taking REFEC I — majoring in 500. There was much friendly (?) inter-faculty rivalry, when the faculties were small enough for everyone to know one another, something I found to be missing in my later return to University studies. So much for twenty years ago. Since then?

I completed my M.Sc. in 1970 working for Professor Richards in Chemistry. I spent the next 18 months overseas working for a local family as tutor to their three children then aged 16, 13 and 10 years. We spent 8 months in Spain, 9 months in England and the rest travelling in Europe, Canada and U.S.A. This was a unique way of seeing the world! On my return I worked at the Commonwealth Health Laboratory as a Biochemist. For various reasons I decided to change my career to teaching and so returned to part-time University study to obtain my B.Ed. I have since gained some experience (?) in teaching science and mathematics to teen-age boys. In my personal life I have acquired a husband, 2 sons aged 8 years and 5 years (the arrival of my third child is imminent), a mortgage and several kilos of weight!

It's been great to have a nostalgic look back at twenty years ago. In my hunt to track down as many people as possible, I've spent many an hour reminiscing about retained and long-lost friends and acquaintances some of whom I have not thought about in all this time. Thank you to all those people who chose to join me in this "sentimental journey".

MAREE MAYER (NEE McINTYRE)

Twenty years ago? It feels like yesterday, yet that naive schoolgirl who stumbled into the college was surely somebody else. This precis has been very difficult to start. So much has happened in a personal sense, yet highlights condense to very little. The memories however, are legion.

'What tie will Mr Kenny wear to zoology lecture.' What's "lugging"? Say "lagging" with a Cumberland accent.
And, of course, good old Refec I, II & III. Exams were duly crammed for, passed and topped off with a Diploma in Education at Queensland University. (Remember, no such courses were available in the North in the old days).

A posting to Charters Towers followed, — a gentle introduction to the intricacies of the Queensland Education System.

The following twelve months were spent in Europe to continue my education. Subjects included such things as:

(a) How to Survive on £11/week, (gift shop job).
(b) How to Control Riots in the Classroom, and
(c) How to Put Things in Envelopes (advertising? job)

Coping with such things as Foreign Customs, languages and monies was very "ho-hum" after a London introduction to the Northern Hemisphere.

I returned home to teaching (Ipswich and Brisbane), a stint as an Editor in a publishing firm; and then to the Department of Primary Industries, in Brisbane, for a brush with Agriculture.

This last job was cut short by marriage to a fellow employee, and a consequent shift to Toowoomba.

The last ten years can be summarised in terms of Children (3), Kindergarten, Preschool, School and Associated Activities. Also in honing skills on how to survive on One Income. It will be interesting to see what the next twenty years bring. Thank you for the opportunity to catch up on some former classmates.

DIXIE NOTT (nee Creagh)

"The Year of 1965". Wot a vintage lot! It doesn't seem long ago. (Time flies when you're having fun.)

The only problem was, I was like a fish out of water after leaving TUC in 1968 until I started work at ANU in 1975. Here I enjoyed 6 years in the Research School of Biological Sciences as a Research Assistant and Part Time Masters Student in Plant Biochemistry. The field of study for this project was plants that survive without a drink and enjoy it! My boss here was a compatriot of Dr Pete Brownell and the Townsville connection remained, with various Botanical Bits and Pieces arriving in our lab from the north (any resemblance to either Stuart or Joe in this reference is purely accidental.)

As I had not finished growing wiser, the Canberra period was a further extension of my studies into "Alcoholic inebriation induced by Boat Racing." This absorbing — no pun intended — study was initially undertaken in 65. As a matter of fact its a wonder my first sortie into this field of research wasn't fatal for as I recall the beverage was Star Wine. Female liberation was not much in vogue in 65 and Barbara and I weren't encouraged to drink beer.

In 1982 Kirsty, Rohan and I decided to opt out and study "the Pros and Cons of being a Hayseed." For contrast Kirsty and Ro commute regularly to Brisbane and Geoff while John and I and young Jock dream of our trips to the homeland and adopted countries of humped cattle. It is great to stir the memory coals and hopefully re-establish old friendships in this publication.

To look back on what you were at 17 and as questions like "Barbara how did you ever put up with me as a room-mate at Duncragan?" To wonder what happened to the lucky 7 or so who constituted the Uni Ski Club and remember the great trips we had. To recall the sports trips to Brisbane and the real eye opener — Melbourne.

What a magic period — the 60s, when one could enjoy life 90% of the time, cram 10% of the time and usually pass exams. Lost and gone forever I feel as I
watch my Grade 9 daughter labour nightly on her long term project — JCUNQ 1990.

ROD STEVENS

By 1965 the Townsville University College was making quite a name for itself. In Townsville, where I did my high schooling, Commem Week was looked forward to by the locals but dreaded by the police. So heading off to the university was for me an opportunity to look into this rather new North Queensland institution where it seemed the students had apparently endless time to think up pranks. Of course it wasn't quite like that but, as I'm sure all early students appreciate, the uni was young, small and refreshing and most Townsville citizens enjoyed the youthful enthusiasm. This aspect of the university's impact on Townsville inevitably faded as the institution matured but I am grateful for the opportunity to spend my fresher year there.

In 1966 I was off to Queensland University and subsequently ANU to finish my Forestry degree. In 1970 I started work with the Queensland Forestry Department working at Atherton, Brisbane and Maryborough.

In 1982 I accepted a two year assignment as Australian Advisor on a eucalypt afforestation project in southern China. A most rewarding experience, in fact so rewarding I am now back in China for a further two years continuing the work I was involved in initiating.

What a coincidence, as I sit here writing this and listening to Radio Australia, whose name and voice I should hear but that of Joe Baker speaking about some of his latest work. A reminder of enthusiastic lecturers some of whom, like Joe, have helped mould a fine institution.

In 1990.

THE VICE-REGAL VISIT

Magnus Taurus for 30 September 1965 devoted three full pages (plus a large cover photograph) to the visit to the University College of the retiring Governor of Queensland, Sir Henry Abel Smith. Two separate accounts of the visit were presented side by side on the one page. Both accounts are reproduced hereunder.

We were sitting in lectures and the Governor came past. He had the Mayor and a couple of other blokes with him.

As soon as it was over we got out of the verandahs and watched him go down to the refectory.

There was a whole mob down there and it looked like they were going to mob him.

Three of the engineers had an escort out for him, two bikes and Fergo's car — the open air one.

The Governor gets into it, and everyone cheered, except the cops. Then they drive off, with the Governor in this car with Connie and Geoff Nott.

There were two bulls over in Gulliver St. waiting at the gate, so they drive round the other way. (Derision).

Everyone with a key races over to the car park and we all follow them into town — the two cops, then the two motor bikes, then the Governor, then the cars he brought with him, with the Mayor in one, with some of his hangers-on — then about a hundred "gowned hooligans."

They let him off at the North Queensland Club, and we came back to the Refectory for lunch.

From a Staff Correspondent

TOWNSVILLE, 22.9.65:

On Wednesday 22nd September, the retiring Governor of Queensland, Sir Henry Abel Smith paid a farewell visit to the Townsville University College.

There he was received by representatives of the academic staff. His Excellency toured the University buildings, showing great interest in the College's modern facilities and equipment.

During the inspection, His Excellency was introduced to members of staff, and of the Students' Union, and was presented with a lovely picture of the spacious and elegant University premises.

He was quoted as saying, "Yes, I see", "Thank You," "Who did they toss in it?", and, when departing, from the back seat of his State vehicle, "Good Luck."

The Governor departed amid the cheers of assembled students, who, in full academic dress, formed a ceremonial guard of honour.

Gay students eagerly followed the motorcade as it proceeded from the University grounds.

"With apologies to the editorial department of the other local newspaper."
VICE-REGAL VISIT

Sir Henry being greeted by Professor Geoff Richards on arrival

Signing the visitors' book — John Marshall right

Running the gauntlet

Official and unofficial vehicles ready for departure, including unofficial "escorts"
Sir Henry and party poised for departure with Angus Smith and assembled students looking on.

The Vice-Regal party departs, complete with “alternate” transport and escort.

The Warden, Dr Back, Professor Gates (Economics, University of Queensland), Sir Fred Schonell (Vice-Chancellor, University of Queensland) at the new site.